

February 4, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, February 4, 2019, in the Village Board Room. Village President Rod Randall called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Matt Bernius, Mike Hilgenberg, Jenni Marner, Dave Tiffan and Paul Pearce. Trustee Justin Ray was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Randall asked Paul Pearce to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

- Visitors present were Shaun Meredith, Brock Thoms, John Lulek, Thomas Webb, Craig Knight, Carol Jo Fritts, and Ryan Kleiss.
- Carol Jo Fritts provided information about the locations, history, and the services provided by First Neighbor Bank, of which she is president. Fitts, along with Thom Webb and Craig Knight, attended the Finance Committee meeting to present investment information.

Consent Agenda

- M. Hilgenberg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the January 21, 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, the January 21, 2019 Executive Session Minutes, the January 28, 2019 Special Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, and the January 31, 2019 Police Committee Meeting Minutes. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approval of Expenditures

- P. Pearce made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$25,957.34. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Randall expressed appreciation to the Public Works and Police Departments for the work done during the recent subzero temperatures. President Randall also expressed condolences to the Larry Schrock family as they lost their home and son in a tragic home explosion.

Trustees' Reports

- M. Hilgenberg expressed appreciation for those involved in snow removal recently.
- J. Marner noted the Arthur Community Foundation will be meeting soon.
- P. Pearce reminded the Board that budgets will soon be due. Also, the Finance Committee met prior to the Board meeting to review financial proposals from the investment questionnaire that was sent out.
- D. Tiffan noted he heard good reports regarding the fire departments and rescue squads at a recent fire. Dave noted his thanks for the volunteers we have in our community. Also, a Police Committee meeting was held on January 31, 2019.

Chief of Police Report

- Police Chief Goodman provided monthly reports from the Police Department. Chief Goodman noted that he will begin the DARE program at the Arthur Grade School this week.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Grant Corum provided monthly reports from the Public Works department. With the recent subzero temperatures, there have been ten frozen meters to fix. On February 7, 2019 there will be a safety training provided by Risk Management at the Community Building. Also, on February 14 there will be a water operators' meeting at Yoder's Restaurant. Grant also mentioned the possibility of researching an all-call system for the community.

Village Attorney's Report

- Village Attorney Kenny Crossman noted he received a response from Henry Herschberger's attorney on the easement agreement. This response was read to Board.

Unfinished Business

- P. Pearce noted that the Board has been talking about the Economic Development Policy. This policy helps establish guidelines and criteria to ensure that any grant money given is aligned with Village goals and objectives. Paul noted this policy is still in draft form and needs more work. P. Pearce made a motion to move the Economic Development Assistance Policy to a subcommittee of Community Relations and Finance for review and improvements, followed by a presentation at the March 4, 2019 Village Board meeting. M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Randall provided additional quotes on time clocks by APTechnologies. Discussion took place on application based products. Human Resources committee will need time to look into the various options discussed. M. Bernius made a motion to postpone action. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

New Business

- Police Chief Goodman reported on his search for full-time Police Officers. The candidates were narrowed down to two, and the Police Committee met to interview these two candidates. Chief Goodman introduced Brock Thoms and John Lulek to the Board. D. Tiffan noted the Police Committee unanimously recommended hiring both candidates. D. Tiffan made a motion to hire Brock Thoms and John Lulek as full-time Police Officers. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. The officers were sworn in by Village Clerk Rhonda Rhodes.
- Chief Goodman reported that he has been in communication with school district administrators regarding the DARE program and extending DARE to the Lovington and Atwood-Hammond Grade Schools. The Chief of Police from both of these communities are also supportive of this program. Chief Goodman would like to see this program continue, and Officer Brandi Smith has expressed interest in the training for this program, which is a two-week (80 hour) course. M. Bernius made a motion to allow Officer Brandy Smith to attend DARE Officer Training School on February 18 – March 1, 2019 not to exceed \$2,500.00. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- P. Pearce made a motion to approve Ordinance 02-04A-2019: An Ordinance Establishing Fines for Violations of the International Property Maintenance Code. D. Tiffan seconded. Discussion took place on establishing fines. All Trustees voted YEA.
- P. Pearce reported on the Finance Committee meeting held prior to the Board Meeting. Four responses were received from the request for information sent out. The four included State Bank of Arthur, First Neighbor Bank, First State Bank from Tuscola, and Arthur Community Bank. The finance committee reviewed each proposal. The Finance Committee made a recommendation to add First Neighbor Bank as an additional depository. They had the strongest CD rates and no fees. P. Pearce made a motion to add First Neighbor Bank as an additional depository (Resolution 2019-2). M. Hilgenberg seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Randall presented quotes from Consumer Electronics Distributors regarding technology upgrades for the Village Board Room. P. Pearce made a motion to acquire the Board Room technology upgrade not to exceed \$1,100.00. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

General Discussion

- President Randall noted there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony February 5, 2019 at the 1059 Center for Dr. Gossett, who is a new chiropractor in town.
- Discussion took place on how to proceed with the easement agreement with Henry Herschberger.

Adjourn

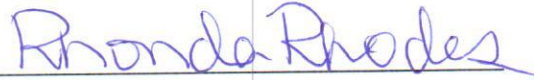
M. Hilgenberg made a motion to adjourn. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.

APPROVED



Village President

ATTEST



Village Clerk

DATE

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